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SUBJECT: PENDING U.S. BAN ON USE OF SACCHARIN IN FOOD AND BEVERAGES

PASS FDA

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1. MINISTRY OF HEALTH OFFICIAL ADVISED THAT IN ITALY SACCHARIN IS USED ONLY IN DIETETIC FOODS, FOODS FOR DIABETICS, AND IN DRUGS AND TOOTHPASTE. THE QUANTITY OF SACCHARIN ALLOWED IS SUBJECT TO MIN OF HEALTH APPROVAL AND IS USUALLY ABOUT 0.5 TO 0.8 PERCENT IN DIETETIC FOODS. IN DRUGS, SACCHARIN IS USED IN COMBINATION WITH VITAMINS. THE USE OF SACCHARIN IN FOOD FOR GENERAL CONSUMPTION IS PROHIBITED BY LAW AND PUNISHABLE BY FINES AND, IN SERIOUS CASES, BY IMPRISONMENT.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, ITALY PRODUCES APPROXIMATELY 50 TONS OF SACCHARIN ANNUALLY AT A COST OF 5000 LIRE PER KILO (ABOUT 6 DOLLARS). A GOVERNMENT TAX TO PROTECT SUGAR PRICES INCREASES THE SALES PRICE OF SACCHARIN TO ABOUT 28,000 LIRE PER KILO (APPROX. 31 DOLLARS).GARDNER

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